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St. Lucie County

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A Monthly Update of Current Events and Happenings within St. Lucie County

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Board of County Commission Meeting Changes for November 2003

- The November 18, 2003 Board of County Commissioners meeting will be changed to 9:00 a.m. for the annual reorganization.
- The November 25, 2003 Board of County Commissioners meeting will be changed to 7:00 p.m.

Board of County Commission Special Meetings and Workshops Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners, the City of Fort Pierce and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority will hold a joint Conflict Resolution meeting on November 24, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- A workshop will be held on November 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers to discuss Lakewood Park Stormwater Issues.
- A workshop will be held on November 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers to discuss the Urban Services Boundary.
- A workshop will be held on December 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #3 to discuss the Management Business Plan for the Fairgrounds.

Library to Host Authors & Other Events

Saturday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m. ~ Meet Kate Birch, author of *"Spring of Fever"* and at 1:00 p.m. meet Ada Coates Williams, local historian and author of *"Fort Pierce."* Downtown Fort Pierce Library.

Saturday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m. ~ Meet author Marshall Frank as he discusses his new book *"On My Father's Grave."* Downtown Fort Pierce Library.

Saturday, December 13 from 9-4 p.m. ~ Poetry Slam at the Morningside Library in Port St. Lucie. Registration required. Call 462-2787 for more information on events.

Marine Center to Host Second Annual Open House

On Saturday, November 15, 2003, the St. Lucie County Marine Center will host its second annual Open House from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Admission to the Historical Museum and Marine Center will be free on that day. The Marine Center will feature musical entertainment, food and many other activities for the celebration. In addition, the U.S. Navy Band, "Country Current," will perform at the museum at 3:00 p.m. Free shuttle service will be available from Lawnwood Stadium Park. For more information, call 462-3474 or 462-1792.

Additional Floor Examined for Downtown Fort Pierce Parking Garage

The Board of County Commissioners approved Central Services' recommendation to enter into a contract with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. to provide a structural engineering analysis to determine if an additional floor to the two floor expansion planned for the Downtown Fort Pierce Parking Garage is achievable.

Historical Museum Presents Lighthouse Display

"Luminous Lamps: Florida Lighthouses," a special exhibit exploring the rich history of Florida's lighthouses, opens Saturday, November 22, 2003 at the St. Lucie County Historical Museum. The exhibit, which runs through May 2004, explores the past and present stories of Florida's lighthouses and how they have guided sailors and survived hurricanes, wars and the tides of time. The St. Lucie County Historical Museum is located at Museum Pointe, 414 Seaway Drive, under the South Bridge in Fort Pierce. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon until 4 p.m. For further information, call Anne Sinnott, Museum Educator, at 462-1891.

Cultural Affairs Council Presents "Net Loss"

The St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council, in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council, presents "Net Loss," a performance art story about commercial fisherman and their struggles to stay afloat in a rapidly changing world. This public program brings together a playwright, an artist, an actor and the audience to experience the feelings of a seventh generation Florida commercial fishing family. The statewide tour will include twelve original oil paintings, a dramatization of a fictitious family history, and an audience discussion of the life of today's fishermen and why these artists thought this story was important to tell. "Net Loss" will be performed on Saturday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Wynne Black Box Theatre at Indian River Community College, located at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. Admission to the performance is free. For more information about the performance, please contact Jon Ward, St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Executive Director, at 462-2548.

Construction and Demolition Processing Facility Construction Project Bid Awarded

The Solid Waste Division of Public Works awarded the bid for construction of the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility to Urban Building Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$1,559,000. Construction is set to begin in November 2003 and the facility will enable St. Lucie County to recycle 60-80% of all incoming Construction and Demolition material as well as 50% of all previously buried C & D material.

Parks & Recreation Department to Begin Ravenswood Pool Renovation

Weller Pool Construction, Inc. was awarded the construction bid on the Ravenswood Pool renovations in Port St. Lucie in the amount of \$225,589.00. Renovation is set to begin at the end of January 2004 and take two months to complete. Renovations include a new pool deck and pool floor, a new filter and chlorination system and a new lifeguard station/office.

Public Works Department to Repair Bridge of C-24 Canal on Glades Cut-Off Road

Approval was given to award the repair work for the bridge over the C-24 Canal on Glades Cut-Off Road to CEM Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$167,925.00. Repair work to be done includes replacement of bridge and roadway guardrail, the construction of erosion control measures and the rehabilitation of bridge slab joints.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Canoe & Kayak River Tour ~ Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join a naturalist for a peaceful glide by canoe or kayak along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. **Reservations and payment must be made by noon on the Wednesday prior. \$10.00 fee per person, children under 7 free.*

Holiday Owl Prowl and Stargazing ~ Friday, December 5, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

An evening of fun as the Center kicks off the Eco-Holiday celebration! Bring the kids. Free!

Holiday Crafts at the Oxbow ~ December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Join the Eco-Center staff for some creative family time as they delve into Holiday craft-making. Free to all!

For more information, please call (772) 785-5833 or e-mail underwoe@co.st-lucie.fl.us.

Parks & Recreation Events

50s Rock n' Roll Adventure ~ Tuesday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Fort Pierce Community Center, \$6 per person. Call 462-1792 for more information.

Turkey Trot ~ Friday, November 21, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Fort Pierce Community Center, \$5 admission per person, ages 5-12. Games, arts & crafts, fun for the kids! Call 462-1792 more information.

Turkey Shoot Basketball 3-Point Tournament ~ Friday, November 21, 2:00-6:00 p.m., \$3 for 10 shots, ages 6-16, Fort Pierce Central High School. Win a turkey for highest score per age group. Contact Anthony Allen at 462-1522.

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